

Carl Strothoff
Route 10 Box 1329

American Chemical Co. -

already
done

Ozark ---

Mr Dick Grant
1933 W. Kearney
Ph. 865 62 44

work
865-9641

American system Chemical
Co. Inc.

To Carl Strothoff

Date 4 Time By

While You Were Out

Mr. Lindsey

of Building used to be garage

- ☐ Telephoned 8' x 45' ☐ Called to See You
☐ Will Call Again ☐ Wants to See You
☐ Please Call Him ☐ Rush!

Phone 881-7567

Message Route 10 - 833-2929

Am. Chemical. (Texas)

West...

Carl Strothoff

American Furniture Stripping

865-6244

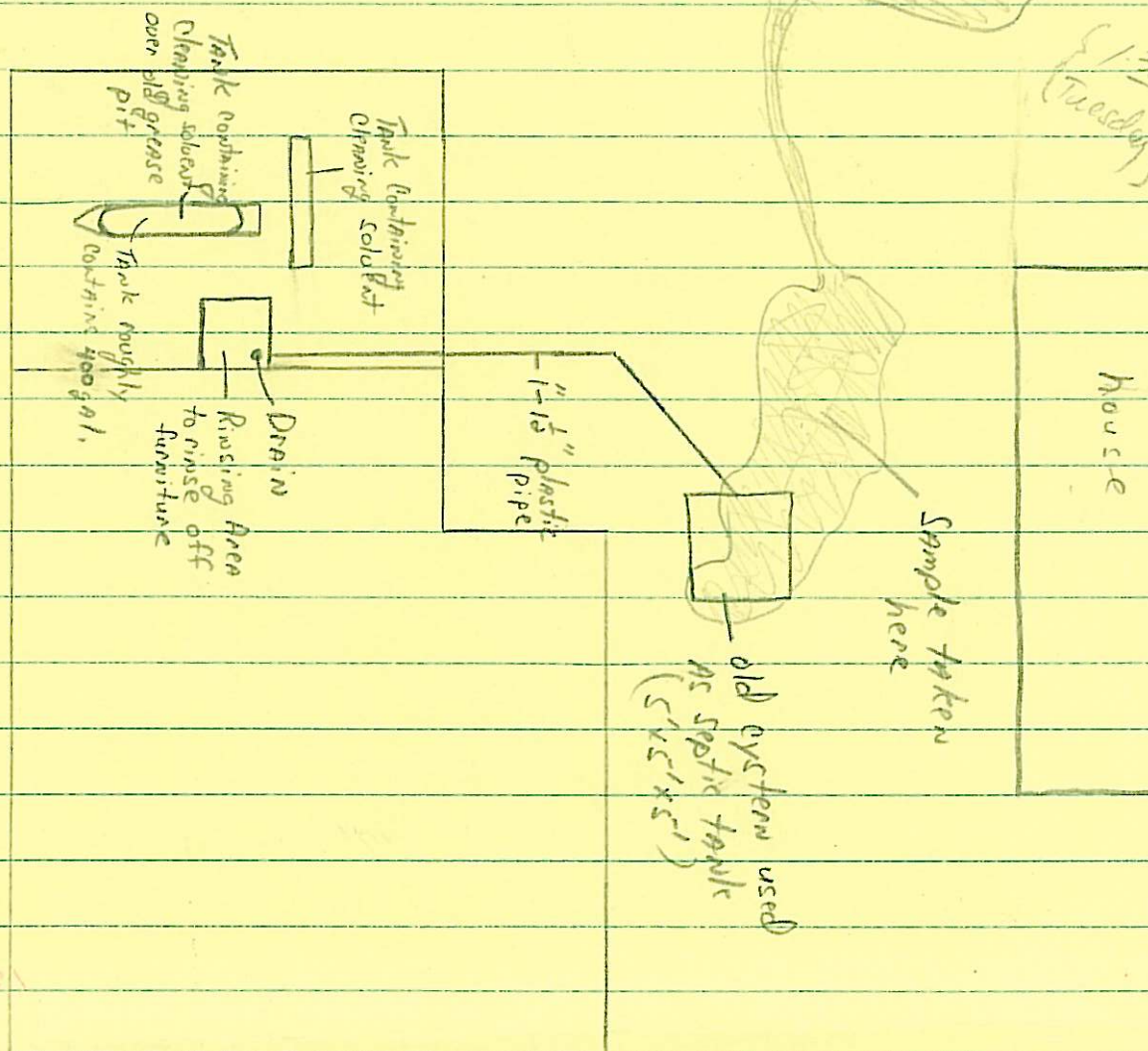
4-6-73 14:00

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house

Alberta

Kearney



The Property is Leased by Dick Grant (Phone at work 865-9641) from Mrs. May Lilly (ex. Jack Lindsey).

Paint, Varnish, stain, etc. comes out of building in (over)

A plastic pipe to a cystem (used as septic tank). The cystem overflows onto the ground. It then leaves the property forming a pool along the side of Albenha, where it flows across the street into neighbors front yard.

Roughly 5-6 gallons a day are put into the cystem. Every 5-6 months he replaces the cleaning solvent in tanks. The cystem was pumped out the morning of 4-6-73. When we checked the level of the cystem on the afternoon of 4-6-73 it was roughly half full.

American Chemical Company

CARL F. STROTHOFF, PRESIDENT



Mr. Criswell:

The following chemicals is being used in
Mr. Grant's Shop on Kearney St.

Sodium Tri Poly Phosphate - $\text{Na}_2\text{PO}_4 \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ Tide

Sodium Hydroxide - NaOH Lye

Tartaric Acid
Sodium Perborate -

As you will note all of this is being sold
in every store in Springfield in sink cleaners, bleaches
wash powders. In fact some of these chemicals are
used for purifying water & septic tanks & lines.

Our laboratory in Joplin has found none of
these chemicals to be bad for any sewer system.
I hope this meets your approval. I suspect that
you probably are using some of the same
chemicals at your home in different cleaners.

Carl F. Strothoff

FROM:

American System

PATENT PENDING

American Chemical
Company

Route 10, Box 1329

Springfield, Missouri

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



FIRST CLASS MAIL



FIRST CLASS MAIL



Charles Criswell
Dept. of Public Works
City Hall
830 Boonville
Springfield, MO. 65801

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MullerFIRM NAME American Furniture StrippingADDRESS 1933 W. KearneyTELEPHONE 865-6244PERSONNEL CONTACTED Dick Grant (At work Mid-AM. Dairy) POSITION 865-9641

POSITION _____

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ACTION INITIATED BY: Lyman, Carson, Pabst, & Griswell

- (1) 4-6-73 Received complaint about run off from Am. Furniture Stripping. Checked out the complaint & found the run-off to be coming from an old cistern that was being used as a septic tank. Found out that the stripping solvent used comes from American Chemical Co. Route 10, Box 1329, Springfield, Mo. (Carl Strathoff, President.)
- (2) 4-13-73 Letter from this office, to Carl Strathoff, requesting composition of Stripper used.
- (3) 4-19-74 Letter from Carl Strathoff, giving composition of stripper, was received
- (Business has closed)

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—30¢ (plus postage)

SENT TO

Mr. Carl Strothoff, President

American Chemical Company

STREET AND NO.

Route 10, Box 1329

P.O., STATE AND ZIP CODE

Springfield, Missouri

POSTMARK
OR DATE

4/13/73

OPTIONAL SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL FEES

RETURN	1. Shows to whom and date delivered	15¢
RECEIPT	With delivery to addressee only	65¢
SERVICES	2. Shows to whom, date and where delivered ..	35¢
	With delivery to addressee only	85¢
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY	50¢
SPECIAL DELIVERY (2 pounds or less)	45¢

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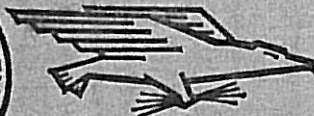
July 1969

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Print your name and address below. If you want to restrict delivery, or to have the address of delivery shown on this receipt, check block(s) on other side. Moisten gummed ends and attach this card to back of article.

RETURN
TO

Mr. Charles H. Criswell
Chemist and Aquatic Biologist
Industrial Waste Surveillance & Enforcement
210 City Hall
Springfield, Missouri 65802

No. 928748

35-10-71549-11

POD Form 3811 Apr. 1969

April 13, 1973

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Carl Strothoff, President
American Chemical Company
Route 10, Box 1329
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Strothoff:

As I indicated during our recent telephone conversation, I am requesting in writing for you to supply confidential information to this office. Specifically, I am asking you to supply us with the chemical composition of a product manufactured by you and used as a furniture stripper by American Furniture Stripping, 1933 West Kearney, and possibly by others. Let me point out, again, that the type of information I am asking for is a most common request and in fact is essential in any reasonable determination of how a waste product must be handled.

We indeed realize that this information is proprietary and all such disclosures will be treated with the strictest of confidence. Please be assured, again, that the City of Springfield does not intend in any way to infringe upon or violate your process or manufacturing rights. The Federal Government does protect these process and manufacturing rights for you from any unauthorized use for gain or profit. But these laws do not restrict authorized municipal authorities, who must be responsible for the proper handling and disposal of a product and the continued efficient operation of waste treatment and disposal facilities, from gaining access to the composition of those products. I have no single case in my files in which a supplier, no matter what his size of operation, has refused this type of request. Most of them realize that by non-compliance they would simply create a hardship on the industry or business using their product. Most realize that we must know what we are dealing with before we can accept responsibility for it.

You requested that I furnish you with examples showing where the law gave me the authority to ask for such information. As a starting point, I would suggest the following from the Code of the City of Springfield, Missouri:

1. "Every person and establishment known to be discharging

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industrial wastes or polluted water into the sewers or sewage works of the City or into any sewer connected therewith shall file a report with the Sanitary engineer, supplying the following information:

- "(a) Name and address.
- "(b) Title of official making such report.
- "(c) Location of plant.
- "(d) The nature of the business conducted in such plant.
- "(e) The volume of industrial waste mixture and sewage discharged by each plant.
- "(f) The average daily number of employees employed in each plant by shifts.
- "(g) The source of water supply of each plant and the volume of water used by each such plant daily, specified separately as to each source.
- "(h) Such additional information as deemed applicable to ascertain the volume, nature and composition of the industrial waste so discharged."

(G.O. No. 1035, Art. 3, § 11)

2. "No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any sewer or natural outlet:

- "(f) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or higher than 9.0, or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structure, equipment processes, and personnel of the sewage works."

(G.O. No. 1035, Art. 3, § 3)

3. "The admission into the sanitary sewer of any polluted waters or industrial wastes containing any quantity of substance having the characteristics described in Section 3 of this Article shall be subject to the review and approval of the Sanitary Engineer."

(G.O. No. 1035, Art. 3, § 6)

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4. "The Department of Public Works of the City of Springfield, Missouri, is hereby authorized to prohibit the dumping of waste in the sanitary sewerage system of the City which, in its discretion, are deemed harmful to the operation of the sanitary sewerage system of the City."
(G.O. No. 1034, § 13)
5. "Sanitary Engineer: The authorized department head or person appointed or employed by the City of Springfield, Missouri, having supervision of maintenance and operation of the sewerage system and sewage treatment plants of the City, or his authorized deputy, agent or representative."
(G.O. No. 1035, Art. 1)

Similarly, the sanitary landfill operation, which like waste treatment, is also a biological process, is owned by the City of Springfield and operated by the Public Works Department. The Department again has the authority to prohibit the disposal of wastes which in its discretion, are deemed harmful to the operation, equipment, processes, or personnel. It is the collective opinion of this office that any waste which is of unknown composition is potentially hazardous to personnel, equipment, processes, and detrimental to the continued efficient operation of the landfill, and therefore unacceptable for disposal therein.

As I see and understand the situation, there are three (3) alternatives which could follow:

1. You will supply the information requested and we will determine that the waste would be acceptable for discharge into the sanitary sewer or landfill.
2. You will supply the information requested and we will determine that the waste is unacceptable and must be pretreated or disposed of by alternate means, such as a reputable industrial waste disposal service in another city. (Springfield has no such service at the present time.)
3. You will refuse to supply the information requested and we will determine that the waste is totally unacceptable for discharge. This, of course, would necessitate accumulation of the waste and hauling it to Kansas City or St. Louis, or like area, for disposal with a reputable service. Virtually any other means of disposal would constitute a direct violation of City, State, and Federal Water Pollution Laws.

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The point of all the preceding is simple. We not only have a right to know what materials we handle, we have an obligation to those employees actually involved, to the State and Federal Regulatory Agencies under whose jurisdiction we operate, and to each and every citizen in this community, including yourself, who might be affected by our decisions. It seems quite strange to me that in my personal dealings with more than two hundred suppliers across the entire country, including some of the largest corporations in the world, in requesting the exact same type of information, that the very first occurrence of lack of cooperation would be from a local concern.

Please let me assure you, again, that the City of Springfield is not in any way engaged in an attempt to drive business from the City. It is rather you and American Chemical Stripping Company who are creating an undue hardship on American Furniture Stripping, whom you have franchised for operation.

I feel now that you have been presented with the above facts, you may have a clearer understanding of why we are necessarily so insistent. Therefore, I am requesting again that you supply the aforementioned information in writing to this office so that we may quickly move to correct the health and water pollution violations at American Furniture Stripping. If we may be of any further assistance to you, or can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation, I am

Yours truly,

Charles H. Criswell
Chemist and Aquatic Biologist
Industrial Waste Surveillance & Enforcement
Department of Public Works
Authorized Representative of the Sanitary Engineer

CHC:cc

cc: Mr. Harold Bengsch, Superintendent, Public Environmental
Mr. Howard Wright, City Attorney, City of Springfield
Mr. Dick Grant, Manager, American Furniture Stripping
Mr. Steve Decker, Regional Engineer, Missouri Clean Water Commission

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